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Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: **United States v. Andres Almonte: 07-CR-619 (RMB)**

Dear Judge Berman:

I am CJA counsel for Andres Almonte in the above case. I respectfully request that Your Honor relieve me as attorney of record for Mr. Almonte.

On July 11, 2007, I was appointed counsel for Mr. Almonte. Most recently, Mr. Almonte and I, along with other defendants and their counsel, appeared before Your Honor on November 7, 2007; the parties continue to review discovery, and a status conference is now scheduled for December 19, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Almonte insists upon taking action with which I have a fundamental disagreement. My withdrawal can be accomplished at this juncture without any adverse effect, material or otherwise, on Mr. Almonte's interests. I have spoken with Mr. Almonte about this application, and he does not consent to it.

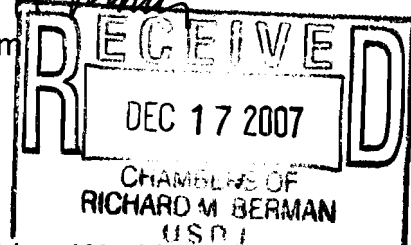
We are happy to appear before Your Honor to address my request. I respectfully request a conference during the afternoon on Monday, December 17, or at any time on Tuesday, December 18. I would appreciate it if the Court could address this issue before the December 19 conference because I have a conflict on December 19, and, as of today, my colleague is scheduled to cover for me.

Respectfully submitted,

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